AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT)

September 6, 2005

5:30 PM Aldermanic Chambers City Hall (3rd Floor)

- 1. Mayor Baines calls the meeting to order.
- 2. Mayor Baines calls for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silent prayer is observed.

- **3.** The Clerk calls the roll.
- 4. Mayor Baines advises that the purpose of the special meeting is to hear those wishing to speak with regard to a proposed amendment to the Manchester City Charter; that anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized, recite his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.
- **5.** Mayor Baines requests the Clerk present the proposed amendment to the Manchester City Charter:

Amend the Manchester, New Hampshire City Charter by inserting the following new language:

SECTION 6.15 LIMITATION ON BUDGET INCREASES
The combined annual municipal and school district budget shall not rise faster than the rate of inflation. The rate of inflation shall be defined as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) averaged over the previous three (3) calendar years. This limitation may be overridden upon the affirmative vote of eleven (11) aldermen on roll call, by separate resolution.

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- **6.** Mayor Baines calls for those wishing to speak.
- 7. Mayor Baines advises that all wishing to speak having been heard, the testimony presented will be taken under advisement and considered by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
- **8.** Mayor Baines advises that this being a special meeting of the Board, no further business can be presented, and a motion to adjourn would be in order.



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Memo To:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From:

Carol A. Johnson

Deputy City Clerk

Date:

August 12, 2005

Re:

"Certificate of Sufficiency" - Charter Amendment Petitions

Enclosed for your consideration is a copy of a Certificate of Sufficiency relating to Charter Amendment Petitions filed with the City Clerk's office under the provisions of RSA 49-B:3.

As provided in the statute, I am requesting the Board schedule a public hearing on the matter.

Enclosure

August 16, 2005. In Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to refer the proposed Charter Amendment question to public hearing on September 6, 2005 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall. (Note: pursuant to poll conducted August 17, 2005 of Board members public hearing will be held at 5:30 PM.)

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to direct the City Clerk to refer the proposed Charter Amendment to the Department of Revenue Administration, Secretary of State and Attorney General for rulings pursuant to RSA 49-B:5-a and further that the City Solicitor and Finance Officer provide comments relating to same to the City Clerk for enclosure to the aforementioned parties.

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CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

Re: Petition forms submitted in person April 27, 2005 to: Karl Beisel of 116 Everett Street

For Charter Amendment Petitioners' Committee "Budget Control Amendment" (RSA 49-B:3)

Signed petitions filed July 26, 2005 at Office of City Clerk

I, Carol A. Johnson, hereby certify that I am Deputy City Clerk of the City of Manchester, NH and in such capacity further certify that:

- 1. A review of the signatures contained within the aforementioned petitions has resulted in certification of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-two (3,992) signatures of registered voters in the City of Manchester.
- 2. That such number of certified signatures constitutes more than twenty (20%) of the votes cast in the November 4, 2003 municipal election held in the City of Manchester.
- 3. That the wording contained in such petitions is as follows:

MUNICIPALITY OF MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE Each of the undersigned voters respectfully request the municipal officers to provide for the amendment of the municipal charter as set out below.

Amend by inserting the following new language:
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Dated this 12 day of August, 2005:

Carol A. Johnson

Deputy City Clerk